

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080  
Hideo NAKAGAWA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5215  
Application No.: 10/578,003 : Group Art Unit: 2826  
Filed: May 03, 2006 : Examiner: WILLIAMS, ALEXANDER O.  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INCLUDING A BARRIER METAL FILM

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the final rejection, dated July 15, 2008, please amend the application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently with this amendment.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper, and

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.